

EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION:

The Examiner has required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a method of producing a hollow construction element; and
- II. Claims 12-17, drawn to a hollow, elongated constructions element.

ELECTION AND REMARKS:

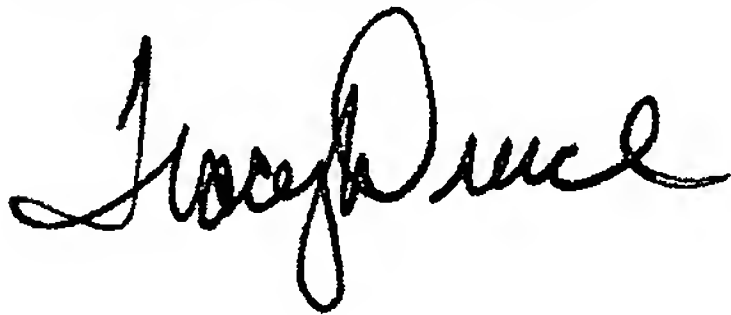
Responsive to Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant has cancelled the original set of claims (without disclaimer or prejudice to later prosecution) and rewritten a unified set of claims that is directed to a method for producing a vehicle axle.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, Order No. 00173.0038.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,



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